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Victorian shire councils have highest home ownership

Golden Plains Shire Council, located north west of Geelong, had the highest home ownership rate among all Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Australia in 2011, according to data released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Of the 6,300 occupied private dwellings in Golden Plains 89 per cent were either owned outright or being purchased by a member of the household. This was closely followed by Nillumbik Shire Council in the outer northern suburbs of Melbourne, with a home ownership rate of 88 per cent.

Other LGAs with home ownership rates over 80 per cent were Chittering, Mundaring and Serpentine-Jarrahdale in WA; Adelaide Hills, Mallala, Light and Grant in SA; and Palerang in NSW.

" This analysis of LGAs shows a wide range of home ownership rates across Australia, with higher rates generally found in and around capital cities, as well as along the south east coast of Australia and in Tasmania" said Lisa Conolly, Director of Rural and Regional Statistics.

" The ten lowest rates of home ownership were in regions of the Northern Territory and other parts of Australia where there were high populations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and where different land tenure arrangements or community titles may operate.

" Overall home ownership rates decreased between 2006 and 2011 in over half of LGAs. The largest growth occurred for the small community living in the Weipa Town Authority, QLD, where home ownership rates grew from 13 per cent up to 38 per cent.

" Local governments play an important role in the administration of residential development and planning for the housing needs of their communities, and Census information on housing is vital for LGAs", said Ms Conolly.

Home ownership data from the 2006 and 2011 Census of Population and Housing for 560 local government areas are provided in the data cube accompanying this release.

Further information can be found in Perspectives on Regional Australia: Housing Arrangements - Home Ownership in Local Government Areas, 2011 (cat. no. 1380.0.55.010), available for free download from the ABS website (www.abs.gov.au).

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